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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Chief Administrative Officer
Acting Director of Health Services

At its meeting held March 28, 2006, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Knabe made the following statement:

“On March 14, 2006, the Board of Supervisors approved new 9-1-1 emergency ambulance transportation agreements. This is of great importance not only to this Board but to the various cities in the County that are affected by this decision. Cities clearly recognize that in a medical emergency, time is of the essence, and having a highly-trained, well-equipped ambulance provider can mean the difference between a good outcome and a tragic one.

“Yet, in the County’s evaluation process, affected cities had very little if any involvement in determining the service that will be provided for their residents. Cities in my District, for example, have expressed concern that ambulance providers may not live up to the lofty promises they made in response to the Request for Proposal. These cities have a right to be part of the process to ensure that their residents receive the highest quality of emergency medical transportation.”

Therefore, Supervisor Knabe made a motion that the Chief Administrative Officer, in coordination with the Acting Director of Health Services, be instructed to:

1. Convene an oversight group in each ambulance zone to ensure that plans for a seamless and timely transition takes place from the current ambulance agreement to the new 9-1-1 emergency ambulance transportation agreements approved by the Board on March 14, 2006 (Board Order No. 20), with the charge of the oversight group to:
 - Include monitoring adherence to commitments made by each winning ambulance provider to the County’s Ambulance Transportation Request for Proposals; and

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- That the oversight group from each zone include one city manager or emergency operations coordinator representing the cities within the zone, in addition to a representative from the Department of Health Services; and
2. Report back to the Board within 45 days on the progress of the oversight group.

After discussion, Supervisor Yaroslavsky made a suggestion that Supervisor Knabe's motion be amended to instruct the Chief Administrative Officer, in conjunction with the Acting Director of Health Services, to:

1. Convene one oversight group for all seven ambulance zones for the purpose of ensuring a seamless and timely transition from the current ambulance contract to the new ambulance contracts;
2. Include no more than eleven seats on the oversight group that will consist of appropriate representatives of incorporated cities and unincorporated areas of all seven ambulance zones, and the Department of Health Services; and
3. Discontinue the oversight group two months after the 90 day transition period from the current ambulance contract to the new ambulance contracts.

Supervisor Knabe accepted Supervisor Yaroslavsky's amendment.

Supervisor Burke made a suggestion that Supervisor Knabe's motion as amended by Supervisor Yaroslavsky to include a representative from the Fire Department in the oversight group. Supervisors Knabe and Yaroslavsky accepted Supervisor Burke's amendment.

On motion of Supervisor Knabe, seconded by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, unanimously carried, the Chief Administrative Officer was instructed to take the following actions:

1. Convene one oversight group for all seven ambulance zones to ensure that plans for a seamless and timely transition takes place from the current ambulance agreement to the new 9-1-1 emergency ambulance transportation agreements approved by the Board on March 14, 2006 (Board Order No. 20), with the charge of the oversight group to include monitoring adherence to commitments made by each winning ambulance provider to the County's Ambulance Transportation Request for Proposals;

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2. Include no more than eleven seats on the oversight group that will consist of appropriate representatives of incorporated cities and unincorporated areas of all seven ambulance zones, a representative from the Fire Department, and the Department of Health Services;
3. Discontinue the oversight group three months after the 60 day transition period from the current ambulance contract to the new ambulance contracts; and
4. Report back to the Board within 45 days on the progress of the oversight group.

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